

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein:


As you know, the census plays a critical role in many of the federal funding formulas that are important to our state. Unfortunately, the families most in need of federal assistance are often undercounted by the census. The 2000 Census missed more than three million Americans, primarily in low-income, minority communities. As a result, it is difficult to ensure states and communities are getting the appropriate amount of funding.

For this reason, it is important that we improve methodologies used in the 2010 Census, a goal we believe is reliant upon the expeditious confirmation of Mr. Robert M. Groves, President Obama's nominee to lead the U.S. Census Bureau. Mr. Groves has proven himself to be a strong, pragmatic leader who will effectively manage the Bureau's activities, and as one of the nation's pre-eminent survey methodologists and leading experts in non-response errors, we are confident he will help the Census Bureau more accurately measure the characteristics of the American people.

Now that the 2010 Census process is underway, we cannot afford to let any more time pass without a Census Bureau director. President Obama has nominated a uniquely qualified individual who, barring any unforeseen obstacles, should be confirmed as soon as possible. We offer you our complete support as you work to confirm Mr. Groves.

Sincerely,



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